

DEMOCRATS HOLD CAUCUS

Devote Three Hours to Discussion of the Panama Canal Matter.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED

Majority Favor Notice to Vote Against Treaty Unless It Is Agreed to Pay Colombia.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Senator Bacon's resolution providing for arbitration of the differences between the United States and Colombia in the Panama Canal controversy was the subject discussed for three hours in the caucus of Democratic senators this afternoon. The caucus adjourned without reaching an agreement as to the party attitude on the resolution, although it was evident from the first that a majority of the senators were in favor of putting the Republicans on notice that unless such a measure was adopted by the Senate the Democrats would vote against ratification of the treaty with the Republic of Panama. The resolution aims to have Colombia satisfied by a payment in cash.
The Republican attitude on the question of paying Colombia for a quit claim deed to her interests in the canal zone was made known to the senators in the caucus. The Republicans, it is understood, have already agreed to satisfy Colombia in this manner, but they propose to have the canal treaty ratified before they make the deal public. They do not propose, it is said, to let the Democrats have any credit whatever in the canal project.
With the treaty ratified, the Republican administration can proceed to pay Colombia, and then claim it was not done under pressure from the Democrats. The Democrats, however, were the first to propose payment to Colombia. Senator Bacon's resolution being the first public attempt made towards an amicable adjustment of the differences between the two nations. Senator Hale introduced a substitute for Senator Bacon's resolution, and it is believed that the Hale resolution will be used as the vehicle by which the ten millions will be transferred to Colombia. But Senator Bacon got his in first.

LIVELY TILT.
During the caucus this afternoon there was a lively passage of arms between Senators Tillman and Clarke, of Arkansas. Tillman made a hot speech against the treaty, declaring that the whole canal deal was saturated with fraud from the beginning to the end. His speech was a bitter in the extreme. Clarke made a speech, which was equally raw on the opposite side of the question, and it was during his argument that the heated colloquy took place. The controversy was ended without blows, however, although Tillman looked daggers at the Arkansas statesman when the latter said Roosevelt was justified in his actions in connection with the revolution in Panama.
The Bacon resolution came before the caucus in the shape of a resolution sent by Senator Gorman, of Arkansas, to the President that it is the duty of our government to seek by every possible effort to reconcile the difference between Panama and Colombia, and to bring about the ratification of the treaty with the good-will of both Panama and Colombia. Senator Gorman asked the Democrats to put the Republicans on notice that this must be done before the treaty would receive the votes of the Democrats in the Senate. While a clear majority of the senators present favored this move, many wanted it adopted by the caucus and presented to the Senate without the ultimatum concerning the Democratic vote.
During the three hours' talk, thirty-one senators could not be secured under any circumstances to vote against the treaty. This is the number required to beat it. All of the Democrats agreed to the caucus, and the question as to whether the resolution adopted in the Senate they would vote for the ratification of the treaty.

DEFICIENCY BILL.

Passed by House After Elimination of Mileage Provision.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The House today voted unanimously to strike from the urgent deficiency bill the provisions for the second payment of mileage to the senators and representatives of this Congress, and then passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. This action was the climax to an exciting discussion of the mileage problem begun yesterday, first on a point of order raised against the provision by Mr. Maddox (Georgia), then on a motion to strike out motion made today by Mr. Underwood (Alabama).
Argument on the point of order that the item was not authorized by law turned on the question of whether this was the second session of Congress or merely a continuation of the session convened November 9th on the call of the President.
Messrs. Fuller (Illinois) and Cooper (Wisconsin) contended that there had been two sessions, while Mr. Parker (New Jersey) insisted that because new senators had been given for meeting on December 7th, the status of the session, which he held to be continuous, was not altered. Mr. Littlefield supplemented his argument by reaffirming that there had been no interregnum between the two sessions.
Mr. Tawney (Minnesota), as chairman of the Committee of the Whole, in a carefully prepared opinion, overruled the point of order against the appropriation, saying the parliamentary question as to whether existing law authorized the payment of mileage was the point to be decided by him, and the question as to whether the mileage should be received was for the committee to decide.
An amendment by Mr. Grosvenor providing for the return of the mileage to the treasury was agreed to, and Mr. Underwood's motion to strike out the provision for mileage was adopted without a dissenting vote. The result was loudly cheered.

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BROKERS GO TO THE WALL

A. B. Baxter & Co., Cotton Brokers, Make an Assignment.

Due to Sharp Break in Price

Customers of Company Fail to Protect Their Contracts and Difficulty Follows.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 30.—Following an order issued to-day by the New York office of A. B. Baxter and Company, cotton brokers, the local office of that concern posted a notice to-day stating that the Atlanta office has assigned. Nothing official could be learned here as to the reason for the suspension, but it is probably due to the sharp break in cotton yesterday. It was stated by the Atlanta manager that all trades made for the day and those pending would be settled at the close of the market to-day.

Baxter and Company had only recently bought out Murphy and Company, Incorporated, one of the largest stock brokerage companies in the country and had reached a capitalization of \$100,000.

The notice of the failure created a sensation. The defunct company controlled a chain of 12 offices from New York to New Orleans.

Baxter and Company, Incorporated, had offices in New York, at No. 61 Broadway, where it was said the corporation did a general brokerage business in stocks, bonds and cotton. An assignment was made to-day for the benefit of the company's creditors. The company, of which A. B. Baxter was president, and Felix Lipp secretary, was incorporated in 1902.

SHORT INTEREST.

John F. McIntyre, of Canton, Adams and McIntyre, attorney for the assignees, says of the suspension that it results from the short interest in cotton held by a number of the firm's customers, who failed to respond to calls for extra margins. The firm's embarrassment, Mr. McIntyre says, will probably be only temporary. He has no idea at this time of the liability.

The firm claims to have a capital of \$300,000, and has numerous branch offices throughout the South. It had an extensive leased wire system.

Mr. McIntyre says that the corporation was not a member of any of the New York exchanges, but was represented on many out-of-town exchanges, including, he thinks, the Chicago Board of Trade and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. The corporation had over 100 branch offices, and, according to Mr. McIntyre, its \$300,000 of capital was actually paid in. He added that the liabilities are certain to exceed \$100,000, but he could not say how much beyond that figure they would go. He said further that it will take twenty days in which to prepare schedules of their assets and liabilities.

STICKS TO THROTTLE WITH BROKEN LEG

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Despite the fact that he was suffering excruciating pain from a broken leg, George Smiley, an engineer on the Erie Railroad, remained at the throttle and brought his train to its destination at Port Jervis—a distance of eighty miles.

Smiley was running a freight engine yesterday, and while manipulating the reverse lever of his engine at Long Eddy his right foot was caught in the slide and fractured above the ankle. Not wishing to leave the engine, the plucky engineer continued the trip to Port Jervis. Smiley is twenty-five years old, and is the youngest engineer on the Erie.

Hard on Squirrels.

The snow and cold weather have had a depressing effect upon the Capitol source squirrels, and on several occasions recently, when called to their meals, they have failed to come.

The little animals prefer perhaps to remain in their nests to coming down into the deep snow.

HELPING IN MANCHESTER

City Mission and Poor Committee Wiping Out Wretchedness.

FINE TIME IN THE SNOW

Funeral of Mr. Davis—Services in the Churches To-day.

Personal Notes.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

It doesn't take weather like this to arouse the sentiments of charity in the hearts of all the people, but it does place an object lesson before many whose lights are hid beneath bushels most of the time.

Now it is hard to find a man, woman or child in Manchester who is not eager to help the needy.

The needy is with them always, and the weather has emphasized the necessity of quick and regular action on the part of those who are helping the poor.

The City Mission has done and is still doing a whole lot of good work. Clothing, food and fuel have been distributed plentifully among the deserving. The appeals for aid have been met in no half-hearted way.

This work will continue, and Chairman Abbott, of the Poor Committee, will be glad to get all information upon which he can act in supplying the needs of those who deserve help. Anything that may be placed in the hands of the Relief Committee of the City Mission will be gladly received.

WORK IN SWANSBORO.

In Swansboro the Benevolent Society is busy relieving the wants of the poor.

Mrs. J. M. Gregory, president of the society, desires to know from all families in need of any of the necessities of life, or the comforts.

While there have been no unusually distressing cases of destitution reported, there are many cases that require attention. This attention is being given, and those who give can but feel happy to know they are helping where help is needed.

ENJOYING THEMSELVES.

Hundreds of children and many grown up folks are taking advantage of the splendid conditions for sleighing, and they are losing no time in bathing in the exhilaration that comes with a swift slide down hill and a dump into the snow.

There are scores of coasting places, and merriment reigns.

COURT NOTES.

A compromise verdict was reached yesterday in the suit of W. E. Lewis against the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, for \$625.

Milton Lewis was held by "Squire Cheatham" yesterday on a \$500 bond on the charge of entering the residence of Principal Blackwell, of Albany School. He said he was drunk and did not know what he was doing, thinking he was going into his own house.

The special grand jury investigating the alleged sale of liquor to minors will meet again on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is believed that at least five indictments will be returned.

PERSONAL AND BRIEFS.

Rev. D. A. Solly will preach at Balmbridge Street Church to-day, and Rev. E. V. Baldy will preach in Immanuel Church, Richmond, for Mr. Solly.

At Central Church, the subject to-day will be: "Morning, 'Hold Fast to the Good,' night, 'Ought Christians to Patronize the Theatres?'"

"The Fatherhood of God" will be the subject at Asbury at night.

By the explosion of a lamp at the residence of Mr. R. L. Rogers yesterday morning, slight damage was done.

ALL SERVICES.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Baugh will take place from Stockton Street Baptist Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hart, and niece of ex-Councilman W. T. Hart. She was the wife of Mr. R. B. Baugh, of No. 509 Jackson Street.

The funeral of Mr. William Davis, who was killed by the street car on Monday, took place from Stockton Street Baptist Church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. W. Criddle conducted the services, and Mr. Willie Corbett sang "Meet Me There."

GIVE YOUR STOMACH A NICE VACATION

Don't Do It By Starving It Either—Let It Rest.

The old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," applies just as well to the stomach, one of the most important organs of the human system, as it does to the man himself.

If your stomach is worn out and rebels against further taxation, it is well to give it a rest. Employ a substitute for a short time and see if it will not more than repay you in results.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are a willing and most efficient substitute. They themselves digest every bit of food in the stomach in just the same way that the stomach itself would, were it well.

They contain all the essential elements that the gastric juice and other digestive fluids of a healthy stomach contain, and actually act just the same and do just the same work as the natural fluids would, were the stomach well and sound. They, therefore, relieve the stomach, just as one workman relieves another, and permit it to rest and recuperate and regain its normal health and strength.

This "vacation" idea was suggested by the letter of a prominent lawyer in Chicago. Read what he says: "I was engaged in the most momentous undertaking of my life in bringing about the cessation of certain great interests that meant much to me as well as my clients. It was not the work of days, but of months. I was working night and day almost when at a very critical time my stomach went clear back on me. The undue mental strain brought it about and hurried up what would have happened later on."

"What I ate I had to literally force down, and I was a source of misery and had a sour stomach much of the time. My head ached, I was sluggish and began to lose my ambition to carry out my undertaking. I looked pretty gloomy for my clients. He had been cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and at once went down to a drug store and brought a box up to the office."

"I had not taken a quarter of that box before I found that they would do all the work my stomach ever did; and as a rest or vacation was out of the question for me, I determined to give my stomach a vacation. I kept right on taking the tablets and in a few days I was ahead with my work with renewed vigor, as just as much as I ever did and carried out that undertaking to a successful issue. I feel that I have Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to thank for my recovery, as well as my reputation and last but not least my stomach."

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\$22.50 Overcoats	Now	\$15.00
\$25.00 Overcoats	Now	\$16.67
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VOTERS GETTING MAD.

Gorman Must Elect Raynor to Hold His Own Delegation.

Mr. A. Y. Fehsenfeld, a well known cigar salesman of Baltimore, is in the city, calling on his friends.

He says the political situation at the Maryland capital is making voters mad, and that if Indore Rayner is not elected and the Senate, the chances for Senator Gorman to carry his own State delegation at the national convention will be slim.

ELKS ENTERTAINED.

Daniels Dramatic Club Present Comedy, "Capt. Rackett."

Members of Richmond Lodge of Elks and their friends engaged in a splendid characteristic performance at the Home Antiquary, last night. The show was given by the Daniels Dramatic Club, and the piece presented was "Captain Rackett."

Those who were in the cast and who deserve praise for their work were: Mrs. John H. Ingram, Miss Gail, Miss Bruce, Messrs. A. L. Osborne, Burnett, Evans.

Professor Stover and Miss Stelbrecher were the accompanists.

Mr. Anthony's Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anthony, Sr., of No. 1007 West Marshall Street, gave a reception on Thursday night to members and friends of their family, it being the forty-first anniversary of their marriage.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anthony and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anthony, Jr., Mr. John Anthony, Mr. Charles Anthony, Miss Ollie Anthony, Mr. Simpson, Mr. N. Watkins and J. M. Clift. This piece of work was, indeed, a rare treat for those present, and it was the opinion of all that it was the finest rendition of the piece ever seen in the city.

The meeting being closed in due and ancient form, the brethren were again banquet was spread. Several speeches were made and songs indulged in, after which the party were escorted to the depot, where they took an early morning train for Richmond.

Below is a list of those who were so fortunate as to be numbered among those present:

Worshipful George Bagby, Worshipful Frank W. Cunningham, Worshipful J. M. Clift, Worshipful W. N. Watkins, Worshipful Watson M. Myers, Worshipful R. T. Bibb, Worshipful Charles A. Neshitt, Worshipful Herbert L. Hulke, Worshipful J. J. English, Worshipful George Hooper, Worshipful F. W. Bluff, Worshipful T. W. McCaw, Worshipful S. B. Jacobs, Worshipful H. L. Carter, Worshipful A. A. Hawkins, Worshipful O. J. Adams, Worshipful N. A. Stall, O. J. Adams, Worshipful J. A. Capers, Jr., Dr. Herbert C. Mallory, Jefferson Wallace,

Railroad Is Sued.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday suit was brought by R. E. Larus's administrator vs. the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for \$10,000, alleged damages. No declaration was filed.

Handsome Present.

Manager W. C. Cunningham, of "The Way of the Transgressor" Company, is a proud man. He waves on his finger

a handsome massive seal diamond stud ring, which was presented him by Senator Otto Walle, of the Granby Estate, in Norfolk, as a token of high esteem.

Mr. Cunningham says he will always wear the ring, as he treasures it highly for its association.

'Phones for the Schools.

A movement is on foot in the city School Board to have private telephone connections between the various public school buildings of the city.

Superintendent W. H. Thompson has been asked to submit an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed improvement.

Mrs. Julian W. Tyler is recovering after a severe attack of typhoid fever at her home, No. 114 W. Marshall St.

Mr. William M. Miller, with the E. B. Taylor Co., who has been confined to the house for five weeks, is now out.

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